

SENATE BILL 1486

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of a special
license plate for historic religious organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Historic Religious Organizations;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of
Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle
and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Historic Religious
Organizations new specialty earmarked license plate for historic religious organizations,
in existence for at least one hundred (100) years, for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-
4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall
contain an appropriate logo or design representative of the specific organization to be
honored and shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee historical
commission.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of Historic
Religious Organizations new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the
county in which the owner or lessee resides for distribution as grants solely for

renovation of historic properties to nonprofit organizations within such county that have received a determination of exemption from the United States internal revenue service pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

(d) In order for a historic religious organization that has been in existence for at least one hundred (100) years to obtain a new specialty marked plate, the organization shall petition the commissioner and shall meet the requirements of Section 55-4-201.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.